

PATENT**REMARKS**

Claims 48 and 52 have been amended by this amendment and claims 50 and 54 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Office Action dated February 22, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 48, 49, 52, and 53 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kobayashi (US 6,556,834) and also rejected the aforementioned claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin (US 6,542,744). The Examiner further rejected claims 51 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi in view of Requena (US 2002/0126701). The Examiner further objected to claims 50 and 54 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

While not necessarily acquiescing to the aforementioned art rejections set forth by the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended independent claims 48 and 52 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 50 and 54, respectively. Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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PATENT**CONCLUSION**

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

Please charge any fees or overpayments that may be due with this response to Deposit Account No. 17-0026.

Respectfully submitted,

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